

REMARKS

In the current Action, the Examiner restricts the referenced application to four groups. Specifically, the Examiner restricts the application in the following manner:

- Group I: Claims 1-10
- Group II: Claims 11-13
- Group III: Claims 14-15
- Group IV: Claims 16-22

To satisfy the requirements of the Restriction, Applicant elects Group I, without traverse.

However, Applicant's attorney, Robert G. Hartman, discussed this matter over the phone with Examiner Kardos. During this conversation, Applicant's attorney submitted that each of these groups contains some claims having some similar elements. In response, Examiner Kardos stated that if Applicant elected Groups I, II, and IV in this Response, then the Examiner would examine each of these claims. Examiner Kardos also asked Applicant's attorney to reference this earlier phone conversation.

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner Kardos for discussing this matter with Applicant's attorney, and for agreeing to examine groups I, II, and IV. Applicant therefore herein elects groups I, II, and IV, corresponding to claims 1-13 and 16-22.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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